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1. Efforts to recruit volunteers for the Soviet zone police

25X1 a. The Soviet Zone police have increased recruiting efforts since mid-August 1949. Recruiting agents visit factories and labor offices and go from house to house calling on 18 to 25-year-old men to sign up for the police. In case of refusal, they threaten to draft the person concerned for labor in the AUE uranium mines. The recruiting agents sometimes mention that universal police service is to be expected in the near future.

25X1 b. Such recruiting campaigns were reported in MITTENBERGE (M 53/Y 69), PARLEBERG (M 54/F 70), KYRIFTZ (K 53/Z 19), MITTSTOCK (M 54/U 11), SCHOENBERG (M 53/Z 84), LUCKENWALDE (M 53/Z 70), CHEMNITZ (N 51/K 66), PLauen (M 51/K 12), OSCHATZ (N 52/S 71), DRESDEN (M 52/F 29), BAUTZEN (O 52/A 60), LOEBAU (O 52/A 80), BRANDENBURG (K 53/Z 23) and QUEDLINBURG (N 52/D 35).

2. Soviet Zone police posts

a. PRENZLAU (M 54/I 04): The civilians quartered in the barracks on Alsenstrasse were given short notice to leave. The barracks were immediately reconditioned for police quarters. It is said that 3,000 to 5,000 militarized police will be stationed in PRENZLAU. *

b. SUML (M 51/J 02):

(1) The former air-technical primary school (later a hospital for contagious diseases) was cleared and occupied by five hundred police in August 1949.

(2) The former gendarmerie school on Schleusingerstrasse was occupied by five hundred police in August 1949.

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(3) The police school (street unknown) was completed in August 1949. It has been occupied only by an advance detail of 50 police.

(4) According to a rumor, the former Soviet Corporation training workshop (former Simson Plant), previously a quarantine camp for refugees from the east, is to be vacated and occupied by police.

(4) Ordnance training courses at the Soviet Zone police ordnance school are being run regularly. ***

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c. HAMBURG (in 52/J 89): The police school in the former "Napola" (Nazi political school) was said to have 250 cadre personnel and 1,000 police trainees on 20 August 1949. ***

d. WESELINBURG (in 52/D 35):

(1) The police school, personnel and equipment, allegedly were converted into a militarized police unit. Personnel were said to have been increased from 1,000 to 1,600. Five T34 tanks allegedly are available for training.

(2) The 250-man police unit in the Weselin Kaserne was reinforced by 150 Border Police. ****

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e. WILHELMSTADT (in 52/J 99): The 300-man police unit in the former Artillery Kaserne allegedly will be reinforced by 300 more police.

f. GERA (in 51/K 06): Police in the city are said to total one thousand.

3. Soviet Zone police training camps

a. It is reported that the former BJÖHMELZ (in 54/T 71) ammunition depot will be converted into a police training camp. An advance unit of 120 police is said already to be quartered there.

b. The former PIKLOW (in 54/T 51) ammunition depot also is allegedly to be converted into a police training camp. No advance party has yet arrived.

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4. Border Police [] Border Police 25X1
units were withdrawn from border duty and moved to police posts to reinforce newly activated militarized police units. **** A comparison of the Border Police strength in the Lübeck (in 53/D 03) area as of 15 August 1949 with that of 4 September 1949 shows the following:

Location	15 August 1949	4 September 1949
DÖDENSBERG (in 53/D 18)	170	70
VOGLAUERODE (in 53/D 18)	35	-
WESTERBURG (in 53/D 18)	30	-
ROHRSHÄLT (in 53/D 18)	35	-
HESSSEN (in 53/D 18)	140	40
VÖLTHORPE (in 53/D 08)	45	25
ÜSLERODE (in 53/D 08)	32	-
RHODEN (in 53/D 08)	43	20
HOPPENRODT (in 53/D 08)	35	20
ALTBEBJK (in 52/C 98)	32	20
BUSHNE (in 52/C 98)	32	-
GOLDEKAHLRODE (in 52/C 98)	45	20
JUELPHORDE (in 52/C 98)	30	-
WAASERHEBBEN (in 52/D 07)	40	15

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5. soviet zone police schools. [] "political commissars" are being trained in the TORGAU (N 52/S 64) police school. The course conducted at the time of observation had 700 trainees.

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[] Comment:

* Civilians also evicted for police quarters in BOIZENBURG (.. 54/S 93) and LOEBAU (O 52/A 80). (See previous report(x)).

** The school in SUHL has been reported.

*** Appears credible. The 250-men school cadre is likely to be a militarized police unit which simultaneously runs the school and instructs trainees.

**** Ø Corroborated by the reported withdrawal of border police units from border duty (para 4).

***** ØØ The withdrawal of Border police personnel from border duty was also reported from Thuringia. They were transferred on "MAS" (communal motor pool) vehicles.

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